



# American Guild of Organists York Chapter

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## **Pedals, Pipes & Pizza: Introducing Young People to the Organ**

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Dear Music Teacher,

The York Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is presenting a fun-filled program to introduce young people to the organ called ***Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza***. As a music teacher in the community, we hope that you will encourage your students to attend. The purpose of this event is to introduce piano students to the organ and learn about its sounds and how it works.

The event will explain and demonstrate church organs and theatre pipe organs. The students are encouraged to bring their piano music to play on the organs we visit. Four downtown instruments will be demonstrated and the morning will end with a pizza lunch and a special prize to take home.

Because having skills at the organ can almost guarantee a pianist supplemental income from a church, temple, or theatre, we also offer two scholarships for students who wish to pursue organ study. The Theodore C. Herzog prize allows selected recipients to receive a semester of free organ lessons from qualified chapter member teachers. This scholarship is renewable. The Harold R. Hunt Scholarship offers cash rewards for winners of a student competition in organ performance held each May. More information about these scholarships and applications will be available at the event.

We want you to encourage your students to discover the organ! Students may register for the *Pedals, Pipes and Pizza* event at [www.yorkago.org](http://www.yorkago.org) or send their names and email addresses or telephone numbers to my attention and they will be contacted.

The *Pedals, Pipes, & Pizza* event will be held on **Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012** and will last from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Registration will begin at 8:30am at First St. John's Lutheran Church, 140 W. King St, York. Ample parking is available behind the church. Registration deadline is April 14, 2012.

Thank you for helping to spread the word about this fun filled event.

Sincerely yours,

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